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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

DANG ET AL.

Examiner

James A. Kramer

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ginter et al.

Ginter et al. teaches a distributed commerce utility. Ginter et al. teaches within this utility appliance have a protected processing environment, which provides a highly secure, trusted environment in which electronic processes and transactions can be reliably performed without significant danger of tampering or other compromise (1st security function) (e.g. column 17; lines 1-30).

Ginter et al. also teaches a Certifying Authority with issues digital certificates that certify particular facts. In other words they are used to control access to a system based on a user ID (2nd security function) (e.g. column 29; line 60 – column 30; line 52).

Ginter et al. teaches a transaction authority (e.g. column 31; line 54). The transaction authority monitors the status of an electronic transaction and/or process and maintains a secure, reliable record of what has happened and what still needs to happen. Examiner notes that by doing this, the transaction authority is essentially monitoring availability of internal support processes and therefore represents a system availability function.

Ginter et al. also teaches the transaction authority providing electronic notification (column 32; lines 20-50), thereby representing a notification function.

Ginter et al. teaches a virtual distributed environment administration service. This service ensures the network operates securely, smoothly and efficiently. To accomplish this end

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the VDE administration service may manage cryptographic keys used for electronic security throughout the network (e.g. column 33; lines 5-25). (Secure access function).

Ginter et al. teaches Commerce utility system descriptors contain (track) information about the commerce utility system that may be used to identify such system and its capabilities. (starts on column 35; line 19). These systems are implemented using object oriented programming techniques. Examiner notes that this system corresponds to Applicant's system utility function, in that it can track login/logout, object creating, deleting, editing and rule based changes to the system.

Ginter et al. teaches a commerce utility support services layer, which provides increased efficiency for large numbers of transactions. Such utility support services include load balancing and database bridging (e.g. column 37; lines 34-44). Examiner notes this represents a system load balance and scalability function.

Ginter et al. teaches the system allows third party archiving and/or authenticating of transactions and/or transaction information for secure back up and non-repudiation (e.g. column 13; lines 29-31). Examiner notes this represents system backup and recovery function.

Ginter et al. teaches a Usage Clearing house starting on column 28; line 15. The usage clearinghouse receives usage information, analyzes the usage information and provides reports based on the analysis it performs. Examiner notes this represents Applicant's operating system function.

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Conclusion

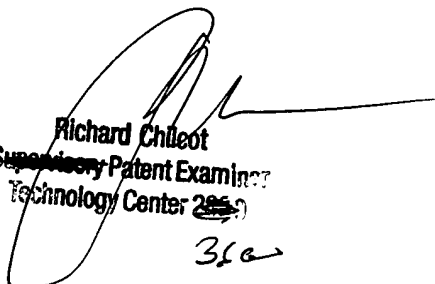
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James A. Kramer whose telephone number is (703) 305-5241. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday (8AM - 5PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Chilcot can be reached on (703) 305-4716. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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